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NEWS REPORT

Country:	Slovenia
Title:	Act Amending the Marriage and Family Relations Act rejected in a referendum
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	The amendments to Marriage and Family Relations Act that grant additional employment rights to same-sex couples have been rejected in a referendum
Ground of discrimination:	Sexual orientation
Source:	Legislation
Field:	Employment
Applicable law:	Act Amending the Marriage and Family Relations Act

Content

Law: The Constitutional Court allowed a referendum in relation to the Act Amending the Marriage and Family Relations Act¹ which was passed by the National Assembly in March 2015. At the referendum which took place on 20 December, the Act was rejected with 63,51 %.

Key points of analysis: The amendments to the Marriage and Family Relations Act were rejected at the referendum, thus the introduction of same-sex marriages is postponed, and a number of employment related rights continue to be unavailable to both registered and cohabiting same-sex partners.

Internet link source:

<http://www.volitve.gov.si/referendum/>

<http://www.dvk-rs.si/index.php/si/>

<http://odlocitve.us-rs.si/si/odlocitev/US30753?q=novela+zakona+o+zakonski+zvezi&vd=U-II>

<http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO7083>

All last accessed 13/01/2016.

¹ Zakon o spremembah in dopolnitvah Zakona o zakonski zvezi in družinskih razmerjih, EPA 257/VII (draft law), available at <http://imss.dz-rs.si/imis/4c9d4b6c7a20845698d5.pdf>.